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Good morning, subscribers. We cover all sorts of housing and development news, but this story is a bit different. A Russian bathhouse owner is suing the city over a huge redevelopment project that he says will ruin the business. Only in S.F., right? Read the story here.

Top Stories

Pelosi: For Trump, the wall is all about his 'manhood'

By Tal Kopan

After a televised back-and-forth with President Trump over border security and government funding, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi's takeaway involved his "manhood."

SF supervisors back off plan to charge Treasure Island tolls

By Rachel Swan

The board delayed voting on whether to charge up to $3.50

to enter and exit Treasure Island — a plan that infuriated residents and merchants.

Debris cleanup for November wildfires will cost California $3 billion

By Ashley McBride

Debris cleanup for last month's wildfires in Butte, Ventura and Los Angeles counties could cost at least $3 billion, officials said Tuesday.

Oakland lawsuit on the Raiders' move speaks truth to NFL power

By Al Saracevic

The city of Oakland delivered a broadside hit to the Raiders and the NFL Tuesday, suing for damages surrounding the team's imminent move to Las Vegas.

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Bay Area News

Camp Fire: Death toll rises to 86 after hospitalized man dies from burn injuries

By Ashley McBride

Butte County sheriff's officials announced Tuesday that a man burned in the Camp Fire has died from his injuries, bringing the fire's death toll to 86.

New BART entrance in Berkeley comes with

caution tape

By Matier & Ross

Two months after completing a makeover of its Downtown Berkeley Station entrance, BART closed its new glass stairway after a person took a tumble there.

Woodland construction worker killed on East Marin Island project

By Gwendolyn Wu

A 39-year-old construction worker died after being crushed by a guesthouse's retaining wall on East Marin Island, officials said Tuesday.

As workers and students struggle, food banks are becoming a necessity

By Jill Tucker

Amid the billionaires of Silicon Valley, the working poor and cash-strapped students struggle to pay ever-increasing rent, leaving little left over for food.

S.F. gets $15 million federal grant to start sprucing up Market Street

By J.K. Dineen

The long-anticipated overhaul of San Francisco's Market Street has received a push forward in the form of a $15 million grant from the federal government.

SF Mayor Breed not moving from plan to spend $181 million windfall on homeless

By Trisha Thadani

Mayor London Breed reiterated her desire to use the city's $181 million windfall on homelessness and housing initiatives Tuesday.

Deal preserving low-cost housing hailed as Ed Lee's real legacy

By Dominic Fracassa

On the first anniversary of Ed Lee's death, S.F. officials are planning to gather in City Hall Wednesday to commemorate the late mayor.

SFPUC to absorb $25 million in fees to keep CleanPowerSF bills from rising

By Dominic Fracassa

The commission is moving ahead with a plan to absorb an estimated $25 million in added fees that would otherwise fall on CleanPowerSF energy customers next year.

Man killed in Redwood City police shooting identified as Palo Alto teacher

By Gwendolyn Wu

A man shot to death by Redwood City police was identified Tuesday as Kyle Hart, a 33-year-old teacher in Palo Alto.

Two women caught on video trashing SF restaurant surrender to police

By Ashley McBride

Two women caught on video trashing a San Francisco restaurant during SantaCon over the weekend turned themselves in to police Tuesday, authorities said.

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Politics

Trump administration asks Supreme Court to reinstate political asylum ban

By Bob Egelko

The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to reinstate the president's ban on political asylum for thousands of undocumented immigrants.

California's top judge: Trump's attacks on judiciary damage 'rule of law'

By Bob Egelko

President Trump's attacks on federal judges who rule against him are damaging the rule of law, California's chief justice said Tuesday.

California's water needs: A balancing act sought by Feinstein, Brown

By Kurtis Alexander

Sen. Dianne Feinstein is joining forces with House Republicans to try to extend a controversial law that provides more water for Central Valley farms.

Trump administration announces plan to roll back rules on stream, wetland protection

By Peter Fimrite

The Trump administration laid out plans Tuesday to roll back Obama-era rules protecting isolated streams and wetlands from industrial pollution.

House GOP loses on tougher food stamps rules, forestry changes in farm bill

By Tal Kopan

Negotiators unveiled a compromise farm bill, eliminating changes to the food stamp program and forestry management House Republicans had sought.

Working for free: Here's what Bay Area lawmakers plan to do about intern pay

By Tal Kopan

Many of the Bay Area's lawmakers have long welcomed interns. But most of those interns have had to work for free. That is about to change.

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Sporting Green

Oakland sues Raiders, NFL in federal court alleging 'illegal move' to Las Vegas

By Kimberly Veklerov

The city called the move illegal and demanded compensation for hundreds of millions of dollars in losses.

Does Warriors’ Draymond Green deserve a max contract? It’s not a slam dunk

By Connor Letourneau

Draymond Green is an undersized power forward who rebounds and blocks shots like a center and defends all five positions like a versatile wing. That leaves no fair comparisons for Green.

Giants expect to go non-traditional and use pitching openers in 2019

By Henry Schulman

So, Giants fans, you wanted big changes in China Basin baseball? You've got them.

Ex-Giant McCutchen signs three-year deal with Phillies

By Henry Schulman

Remember that talk about the Giants possibly re-signing Andrew McCutchen after they traded him to the Yankees in August?

49ers’ D.J. Reed gives defense a much-needed jolt

By Eric Branch

The best way to describe cornerback D.J. Reed’s performance Sunday: It was the opposite of “lackadaisical.”

Did Will Clark get as fair an opportunity as Hall-bound Harold Baines?

By John Shea

A cloud hovers over Harold Baines and, to some extent, Lee Smith because their Hall of Fame selections have been criticized by many fans and sportswriters.

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Biz+Tech

Camp Fire lawsuits target PG&E for advertising about its safety work

By J.D. Morris

The utility misled the public about its efforts to maintain power equipment in a way that helps prevent wildfires, Camp Fire victims allege in a pair of new lawsuits.

Protesters march on PG&E offices amid Camp Fire fallout

By J.D. Morris

About two dozen people protested the utility in downtown S.F., accusing it of being responsible for California's deadliest and most destructive wildfire.

Uber hit with antitrust suit 3 years after former competitor Sidecar went bust

By Carolyn Said

Uber used illegal practices to stifle competition a company affiliated with now defunct ride-hailing pioneer Sidecar alleges.

Salesforce.org expands philanthropic efforts to improve schools

By Jill Tucker

Salesforce.org is doling out its largest grant to an education nonprofit, giving $2 million to New Leaders to help train principals and teachers.

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Opinion Central

Editorial: Trump hits a wall on shutdown threat

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President Trump appears to have peaked: He is about to lose half the Congress, the authorities are closing in, and his top (if not only) candidate for chief of staff turned down the job.

Settlement with conservative groups helps assure free speech on Cal campus

By Naweed Tahmas

The Berkeley College Republicans celebrated a landmark victory Dec. 3 in their lawsuit against UC Berkeley for its repeated infringement of their First Amendment rights over the course of last year.

How to get more women into office

By Amber Maltbie and Rob Bonta

The November elections delivered a strong message that a new generation of female leaders is ready and motivated to seek elected office.

Why California cities don’t build affordable housing

Chronicle Editorial Board

Did you know that the California Constitution bans cities and counties from developing or buying low-income rental housing without a majority vote of taxpayers?

Steph Curry shoots the moon — and misses

Steph Curry is a brilliant basketball player, unfailingly gracious with media and fans, and a leader in a locker room. But...

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Food & Culture

The biggest and most notable Bay Area restaurant closures of 2018

By Justin Phillips

Every flurry of notable openings over the last 12 months was book-ended by closures. Some of the closures were neighborhood spots like Stones Throw or familiar mini-chains like Pizza Orgasmica.

A Brown Kitchen: Holiday chocolate bark reminds us family is everywhere

By Nik Sharma

Every December, my mother and aunts would get together in the kitchen and start working on a variety of sweets.

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Datebook

‘Hamilton’ and ‘Mary Poppins’ star Lin-Manuel Miranda ‘practically perfect’

By Chad Jones

After making the world care passionately about Alexander Hamilton and then winning a Pulitzer Prize, you’d think Lin-Manuel Miranda would go on an extensive vacation.

Bay Area’s Telegraph Quartet looks back to uncover a midcentury musical find

By Joshua Kosman

One of the fascinating musical subplots of the past decade has been the rediscovery of the music of composer Mieczyslaw Weinberg.

Theatre of Yugen’s ‘Noh Christmas Carol’ lets you take your time

By Lily Janiak

After adaptations with the Muppets, the Flintstones, and Bill Murray, “A Christmas Carol” could hold no more surprises for you, right?

Into the wilds of Marin Headlands and out as top dog

By Kevin Fisher-Paulson

Ask my husband. I’m not the kind of guy you pick to face down a coyote.

Who is it that wears furs in Colma? A reason to

celebrate

By Leah Garchik

In full FOMO, I am gnashing my teeth over not being invited to the Dec. 4 grand opening of the renovated Town Hall in Colma.

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Chronicle Vault

Chronicle Covers: A satanic ceremony makes the front page

By Tim O'Rourke

The Chronicle's front page from Dec. 12, 1967, covers a number of stories, and none more odd than a satanic funeral ceremony in San Francisco.

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